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Dear Colleague:

The California Air Resources Board (Board) is soliciting ideas for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Research Plan. The Board conducts a research program to support clean air programs in accordance with the California Health and Safety Code. Each year, research ideas are solicited from the public and are evaluated for possible inclusion into the Board's Plan.

The Board's research program delves into the causes and effects of, and solutions to, the air pollution problem in California. The goal of the research program is to provide the timely scientific information needed to develop and support the public policy decisions required for an effective air pollution control program. General areas of research priority are Health & Welfare, Exposure Research, Technology Advancement & Pollutant Prevention, and Climate Change. Selected project ideas will attempt to address issues in these areas.

It continues to be imperative that the Board's public policy decisions be based on sound scientific information. Therefore, the Research Plan must include projects that will support the Board's upcoming regulatory efforts and policy decisions. Below is a list of some of the specific areas for which the Board will require research activities in the near future.

- Review of Ambient Air Quality Standards
- Diesel Emissions and Control Technologies
- Particulate Matter Control Strategies and Attainment Planning
- Toxic Air Contaminants Control Program
- Support for State Implementation Plans
- Low Emitting and Zero Emitting Vehicles
- Global Climate Change
- Alternative Fuels

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Ideas for research submitted to the Research Division will be evaluated by staff of the Air Resources Board over the coming months. Some of these ideas may be included in the fiscal year 2003-2004 Research Plan, which is scheduled for presentation to the Board at their November 2003 meeting.

We are seeking research *ideas* to evaluate that may become the basis for public solicitations for proposals. Once the Board approves the Research Plan, staff will, after review and approval by the Board's independent Research Screening Committee, develop the approved ideas into Requests for Proposals or Interagency Proposals.

The deadline for submission of ideas for the 2003-2004 Research Plan is June 27, 2003. If you wish to submit one or more research ideas, please see our instructions for submission and our format and layout guide at www.arb.ca.gov/research/apr/ideas/format.htm. A description of the Board's research program and previous research plans are located on the Web at, www.arb.ca.gov/research/apr/plan/plan.htm. For a review of projects in progress and completed since 1989, see "Air Pollution Research" on the Web at, www.arb.ca.gov/research/apr/past/past.htm.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Annmarie Mora at (916) 323-1517 or amora@arb.ca.gov.

I look forward to your participation in the development of the Board's 2003-04 Research Plan.

Sincerely,

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